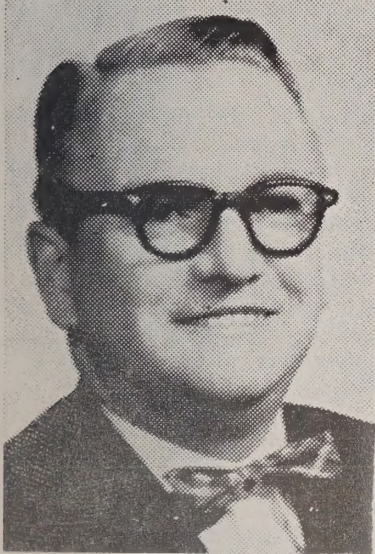


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**DR. FRANCIS G. WALETT**  
Edits Historic Diary

## Dr. Walett Has Work Published

(Special to the Acorn)

It will come as no surprise to those who know the abundant energy and deep interest in American Colonial History possessed by Dr. Francis G. Walett to learn that the American Antiquarian Society has begun publication of his edition of the DIARY OF EBENEZER PARKMAN in the April, 1961 issue of the PROCEEDINGS. The Reverend Parkman, who graduated from Harvard in 1721, served as the minister of Westborough from 1724 until 1782.

The painstaking work involved in editing the DIARY has been no small matter. It is a lengthy document of very detailed observations written in an almost microscopic hand. A reading glass is necessary to bring the tiny letters up to something approaching legibility and the numerous abbreviations, personal allusions by first name only, and the Latin quotations add to the difficulties in making this valuable primary source of historical information available to students of American History.

The college library is fortunate to have a copy of the PROCEEDINGS on reserve at the main desk. It contains the first installment of the DIARY covering the years from 1719 until 1728. The remainder will be published in successive issues of the PROCEED-

## SERENADE IN JADE SPARKLES

by GEMA SERMUKSNIS  
of the Acorn Staff



**PROM QUEEN — F-6's Annette LeBoeuf of North Grafton was selected as the reigning Queen for this year's freshman prom. A huge turnout and decorating that has been unmatched made Serenade in Jade a tremendous success.**

The Mood: gay; the decorations: oriental; the occasion: Freshman Prom

Last Friday, the gym was the scene of the Freshman Prom, but the spirit and decorations were not confined to it. The Serenade in Jade mood caught up the prom-goers while they were still in the brisk outdoors. The glass wall of the cafeteria took on a green color. A golden gong was set off to one side. The gym, in white, green and gold carried still more of the oriental flavor. Ray Morton's ten piece band provided music to dance by.

The queen, Annette LeBoeuf, was seated in a rickshaw throne. Joan Burzenski, Leane Gravel, Geraldine Kidderis, and a guest made up the court. Class president, Roger Choquette, crowned the queen while vice-president Lennart Krals presented the flowers.

Chaperoning this happy event were President and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, Miss Marguerite McKelligett, Mr. Francis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scannell, Mr. and Mrs. William Masterson, Miss Carol Chauvin and her escort, and Mr. Joseph Lonergan.

Fortune cookies were served as refreshments, and the fortune cookies predicted more success and fun for the class of '65.

INGS of the Society, and later, Dr. Walett will bring the complete work out in book form.

## Here They Come, Ready Or Not

The mid-year exams ending the first semester of academic achievement will begin next Monday—January 22. These exams will run through Friday, January 26. As has been the case in past years, the student body is given the day following the last day of exams off. Thus, Monday, January 29th, will be a day of rest and relaxing for the test-weary student body. About the only thing left to say now is—GOOD LUCK.

## SCULPTOR NEXT ASSEMBLY GUEST

The featured performer at the WSC January assembly program appeared on the 5th when ballet star Anne Wilson entertained the Lancerland audience. The performance by Miss Wilson was enjoyed and praised by student body and faculty alike. Keeping with their policy of providing interesting and informative guests, the Assembly Committee at State College at Worcester has obtained the services of another fine artist for the February assembly program. For on Friday, February 2, Mr. Allison Macomber, one of

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**MISS ANNE WILSON**  
Performed January 5th



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LOOK...&... LAUGH

## SORRY WE GOOFED BUT...

In order to start the year with a clean slate, the *Acorn* would like to correct three miscues that occurred during the first semester.

First of all, in our story about Dr. Paul Holle being elected advisor by the senior class we incorrectly mentioned Dr. and Mrs. Holle have one child, a girl. The truth of the matter is, Dr. and Mrs. Holle also have another girl. We hope that Kim does not become angry because in the original story we mentioned her sister Elizabeth and failed to mention her.

Secondly, in the December 1st

edition of the *Acorn*, the story that dealt with the junior class prom failed to mention two girls who spent a tremendous amount of time and did a tremendous amount of work in making the much-complimented mural drop. The junior girls were Muriel Steere and Jane Koski.

Lastly, in our Christmas Extra we used the picture that appears on this page of Bob Avolizi accepting a jacket from Crompton and Knowles official Thomas Sweeney with the wrong caption beneath it. The picture as seen now is the way it should have appeared in that issue.



**AVOLIZI HONORED** — Senior secondary I's Bob Avolizi is seen accepting a jacket from Crompton and Knowles official Thomas Sweeney. "Av," as he is affectionately called by his classmates, was a co-captain of the C&K team which won the championship in its league this past summer. Although "Av" did not try out for the WSC varsity, he was an all-star selection in last year's intramural tournament.

Denial—A river in Egypt

Net Income—The money a fisherman earns

Boycott—A bed for a small male child

Social Security is when a boy has the only football or baseball in the neighborhood

Dark Ages—The "Knight" time Unabridged—A river you have to wade across

Wolf—Ready, villian, and able

An intellectual is someone who goes to the library even when it isn't raining

Panhandler—A nurse

Jockey—A man who makes a living out of being taken for a ride

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way

A conservative has been defined as one who does not think anything should be done for the first time

Income tax—The fine you pay for reckless thriving

Theory—A hunch with a college education

Diet—A penalty for exceeding the feed limit

Insulate—What you get when you stay out till all hours

A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight

Latin ¼—An Italian 25c piece

A tongue twister is a group of words and phrases that gets your tang all tongued up.

Missing—To sing incorrectly

Scotland Yard—3 feet, the same as anywhere else

## Sculptor

(Continued from Page 1)

America's outstanding professional art sculptors, will speak to the WSC student body.

In this action-filled lecture Mr. Macomber models, in clay, a life sized portrait bust on the spot, using a model from the audience, and giving a delightful commentary filled with the essence of art, humor, anatomy and history.

Mr. Macomber's name ranks high in the field of sculpture. His background has been that of the studio assistant and studio apprentice to the masters—men such as Cyrus Dallin and Sir Henry Kitson. His formal training was at the Massachusetts School of Art, a state teachers college. Having to his credit a long list of works erected in public places, one can find his portraits, medals, memorials, and architectural works throughout the country and abroad. Portraits such as Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, and Babe Ruth at the Hall of Fame, Cooperstown (this was the portrait plaque presented to the "Babe" personally at Yankee Stadium when they honored him for the last time). He is listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in the East* and *Who's Who in American Art*. His exhibits can be seen in the selected shows of the country—places such as Pennsylvania Academy and the National Sculpture Society.

His lecture should prove interesting and worthwhile to the audience. Remember the date—Friday February 2—and all classes are invited to attend.

## Believe It Or Not . . .

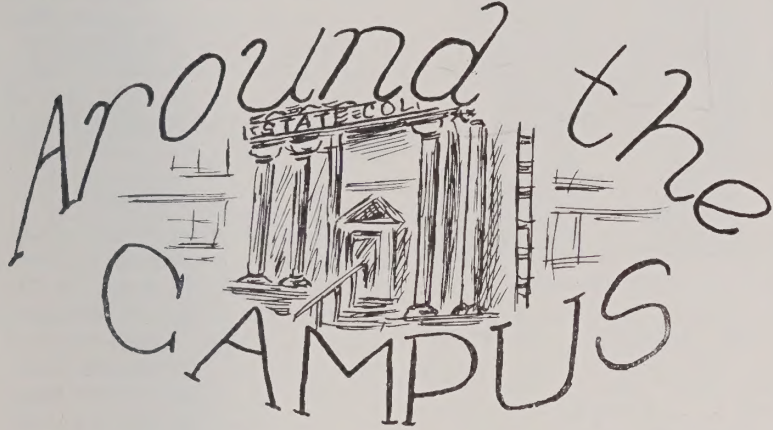
Believe it or not, State College at Worcester has three-hundred more students this year than it had last. To any member of the student body who has attended any of our home basketball games—this may seem unbelievable. Why? Because although we have the additional enrollment, the attendance by members of the student body is less this year than it was a year ago. Only you, the students, can remedy this condition, so let's get out and support the Lancer basketball team as soon as exams are over.

MAKE PLANS  
NOW TO  
ATTEND THE  
WINTER  
CARNIVAL  
FEBRUARY

16, 17, and 18



In this newly formed section of the Acorn any member of the student body may express his opinion on any subject. The only stipulation being that the name of the person submitting the article be included. The same policy should be followed by anyone wishing to write a letter to the editor. Either of these forms of student expression can be submitted to a staff member or placed in the top drawer of the cabinet in room 26. The Acorn reserves the right to edit any opinions due to lack of space.



## FEELS THAT THE SOPHOMORE CLASS IS THE BEST IN OUR SCHOOL

What class has contributed the most to the students and to the school at Worcester State College?

Being an unbiased sophomore, I would say that the class of '64' leads all classes in its contribution to the school and to the students.

We have been instrumental in the success of the chorus, for the chorus is made up of many sophomores.

In the last two plays of the Dramatics Club the cast was comprised chiefly of sophomores. Other clubs in which we dominate are the Acorn, and the Newman Club.

Activity-wise the sophomore class is by far the most superior in its contribution's to the students. The two extra dances of 1961 (April and May) were put on by the class of '64. This semester it was a sophomore student suggested the Christmas Dance to Student Council President Ann Houlihan, and for those upper classmen who did not attend, the dance turned out to be a great success. Plans are underway to make it an annual affair.

We have been the winner of the "All College Week Skit" for two consecutive years and are strong favorites to win this year's Winter Carnival skit. The only black mark against our record to date is last year's winter carnival.

Not knowing too much about the carnival we finished fourth on points. That mark will soon be erased.

I predict that the sophomore class will walk off with this year's Winter Carnival trophy. We may have trouble from last year's winners, (class of '62) but in the end our talented ability will be the deciding factor.

We of the sophomore class challenge any other class to try and out do us in this year's Winter Carnival.

Classes of '62, '63, and '65—do you accept our challenge???

JOHN MONFREDO  
Soph. Elem. III

# CLUB NEWS

## IRC Notes

By ROBERT BRAZ

"What produces fall out? . . . Why is it damaging? . . . What produces a nuclear explosion?"

These were just three of the many questions answered by Dr. Wilmer L. Kranich, who is head of the Chemical Engineering Department at Worcester Tech, in an enlivening talk and discussion meeting of the International Relations Club on December 13th. I am positive that all 30 students that attended this meeting gained from this talk and began looking at a different side of the fall out question.

The January meeting of the IRC featured a talk on world affairs by Mr. Samuel Sleeper. Mr. Sleeper, a teacher in the Worcester School System, proved to be both interesting and informative to all those in attendance.

To all students who missed either of these meetings, the International Relations Club, along with its faculty advisor, Dr. Francis Jones, and its President, Mr. Joseph Consigli, extends an open invitation to attend any of the future meetings. The IRC holds its meetings in room 22 and urges you to watch the bulletin board for dates and times of future meetings.

The run down of the various club news does not appear in this issue, but will resume with our next publication. This is a good opportunity for club presidents to inform the Acorn of their future upcoming activities. In this way, the entire school will know what your club is sponsoring, and consequently the activity will be better attended. To do this, write the information on a piece of paper addressed to Club Editor Gloria Rheame and place it in the top drawer of the cabinet in room 26.

## WAA Notes

Recently there was an overwhelming number of sign-ups for the ski club sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association. Approximately sixty students signed to go skiing at Moose Hill. We regret that we could not accommodate more.

The Worcester State College Ski Club will meet on Wednesday afternoons, from 3-4 p.m., at Moose Hill in Leicester. Mr. Albert Southwick, owner and director, has been very helpful. The WAA has had to make the regulation that any skier will be dropped after two consecutive absences because of the great number of people who had to be turned away.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE IN ROOM 38

by MARY ANN BENJAMIN  
of the Acorn Staff

The faculty and student body had a chance the week before Christmas vacation to view one of the finest displays of holiday customs of other countries to be seen at WSC in many a year. The senior elementary I section, under the direction of Miss Rita Morris, decorated room 38 in high holiday style.

Each of the several boards told a story of what each country does "the night before Christmas," which was the general theme selected by the co-chairmen Patricia Fell and Harold Frazer. Countries included in the displays were: China, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland.

The other senior elementary sections made collections of Christmas songs and recipes.



**DECORATING** — Preparing for the successful open house that transpired in room 38 are from left: Art Bergeron, Pat Cote, Eddie Cadorette, and Judy Campbell. All are members of senior elementary I.



# ACORN Deadline and Publication Dates for 1962

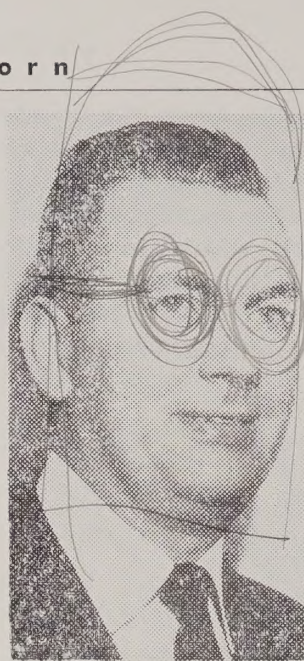
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January 23rd	February 2nd
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(Winter Carnical Extra)	March 2nd
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April 20th	May 4th
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## COUNTERACTING A MEMACE

The basic, informal education passed from father to son, from mother to daughter, when this country began, had as its prime objective the idea of meeting and counteracting the menaces inherent in the environment. Contained within this blueprint for survival was the understanding of the menace and how it operated. The footprint of a bear discovered in the snow, for example, had a genuine meaning to these people and whether one survived or not depended upon the recognition that such a threat existed.

Today our way of life is threatened by a force that we know little about. Now, as in our earlier days, counteraction of this threat can only come about by the education of the younger generation. If this threat of communism is, in reality, an ominous one, why then is communism not a part of the curriculum in our schools today? For in no other way than through the understanding of this threat can we be able to survive.

MARC J. BALZARINI  
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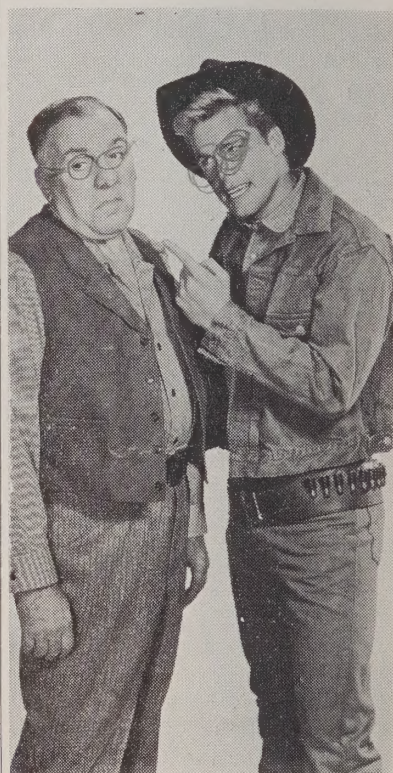
MR. EAGER

## ATTENDS GAMES

more jokes up in Miss Morris' room? . . . Frosh Charlie "Black-Jack" O'Connor spending several days in the hospital after sustaining an injury in the recent Fitchburg State College basketball game. We hope you're soon recovered and ready to go Charlie . . . Nice to see so many members of the faculty at the Lancer basketball games these days. In fact, unless a few more students go, the faculty members will outnumber the students in attendance pretty soon. Seen at the tilts of late have been: President Sullivan, Miss Smith (a regular onlooker), Mr. Eager, Mr. Chapman, Dr. Walett, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Osborne, Mr. Donoghue, Dr. Shea, Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Mockler . . . We hear Mrs. Julie Clark of sr. elem. I solved an international crises in room 38 during that room's annual international Christmas display. Mrs. Clark and her helpers rebuilt China after it had fallen during the night . . . Congrat's to the two managers of the WSC basketball team who have done such a great job to date. Keep up the good work Eddie (F-4) Gardella and Charlie (F-10) Szymczak . . . If you have read the column this far trying to find out what the headline meant, we are about to tell you. In this column last year, in the March 1961 *Acorn* to be exact, the following appeared and it is quoted now just as it appeared then. "If Shelley Winters married Emmett Kelley her name would be Shelley Kelley, If June Allyson married Richard Boone her name would be June Boone, if Judy Garland married Howdy Doody, her name would be Judy Doody, and if Wilma Water married Ernie (ex-con) Earth her name would be mud." While in the latest issue of that intellectual magazine *Mad* to hit the stands

(March 1962), there appeared many of these above-like hypothetical marriages which they call "switchy-hitchy." Needless to say, the three that appeared in this column last year appeared in *Mad*. They were exactly the same in all respects. Inasmuch as this magazine is not on our mailing list, we feel it is just a coincidence. Even so, we now feel justified to say that the *Acorn* has gone *Mad* . . . Glad to see senior Dick Denechaud joined the basketball team after sitting out the first part of the season . . . In closing I should like to leave the readers of this column with the following "theoretical marriages." If Joan (F-4) Gribbons married Margos (S-8) Stone, her name would be Joan Stone; if Jane (Sr. Elem. I) Alsten married Roger (F-5) Kane, her name would be Jane Kane; if Rae (Jr. Elem. I) Beringer married Donald (Jr. Elem. III) Shea, her name would be Rae Shea, and if Holly (F-8) Nylander married Thomas (F-5) Holly, her name would be Holly Holly . . . Until next issue, go to the basketball games.  
R. S.

... AND YOU MEAN TO SAY  
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
THE WINTER CARNIVAL?



## ACORN Goes Mad



CAPT. BOB CONSTANZO

## 4th FASTEST

Many things have happened around our campus since the last time this author penned a column . . . To begin with, the holidays have passed, but two WSC seniors got extra special Christmas presents. Elementary and *Acorn* staffer Mary Ann Benjamin and secondary Jim Lavin have both taken the long walk down the aisle (with different persons) . . . You Might Have to Eat Your Words Dept.: The sophs seem pretty confident they are going to capture this year's Winter Carnival crown. If they don't, there will be some pretty red faces . . . Mark down the name of Fran Moynihan in your book of "good twisters." Fran was twisting up a storm with a cute little number from Hawaii . . . Hats Off Dept.: The freshman class deserves much credit for their Serenade in Jane . . . BB captain Bob (I can dunk the ball now) Constanzo is reputed to be the 4th fastest on the Lancers hoop contingent . . . Of-

ficially Engaged: WSC pupils that have set the date include: Tom Reynolds, Gerry Sullivan, George Symock, Veto Filipkowski, and Captain Bob . . . We wonder if Judy Campbell is going to tell any



# VACORN SPORTS

## LANCERS HIT VICTORY TRAIL; BEAT KEENE AND FITCHBURG

by **JIM ROBINSON**  
Acorn Sports Writer

Off and winging again after two tough losses in the Central Connecticut Invitation Tourney, Worcester State College's Lancers have upped their seasons Teachers College Conference record to a gaudy 6-1 mark to place them right on the heels of a pace-setting Salem State five in a struggle for leadership in the Conference's Southern Division.

Only loss suffered thus far this season in the conference was a 95-77 crunching at the hands of the powerful Salem State club here on December 14—a game in which the visitors shot better than 50% from the floor.

Other losses in the overall mark of 6-4 were to local small college power Assumption College and successive losses in the Christmas Tourney at Connecticut to Danbury State and Willimantic State.

Recent easy victories over Keene Teachers and Fitchburg State have restored the Lancers to winning ways. Improved ball handling and the installation of a fast-break type offense have paved the way for the easy wins.

In a contest which saw the locals ahead by margins of up to 20 points, Steve Kokernak, Bob Kulesza and George Albro hustled the Lancers to a 92-89 win over Keene. Ample use of his reserves in the second half by Coach Dyson enabled the final count to appear much closer than the tilt actually was.

Jack Clifford, rebounding tremendously and pitching in 18 points, paced the Dyson-men to an easy 61-51 win over Fitchburg State on Jan. 9 at the local gym. A devastating fast break attack triggered by Clifford board clearances and quarterbacked by Bob Kulesza and George Albro turned a 30-23 halftime squeaker into a 21 point 48-27 Lancer margin midway in the second half. From there on the Lancers coasted home with reserves finishing up the game.

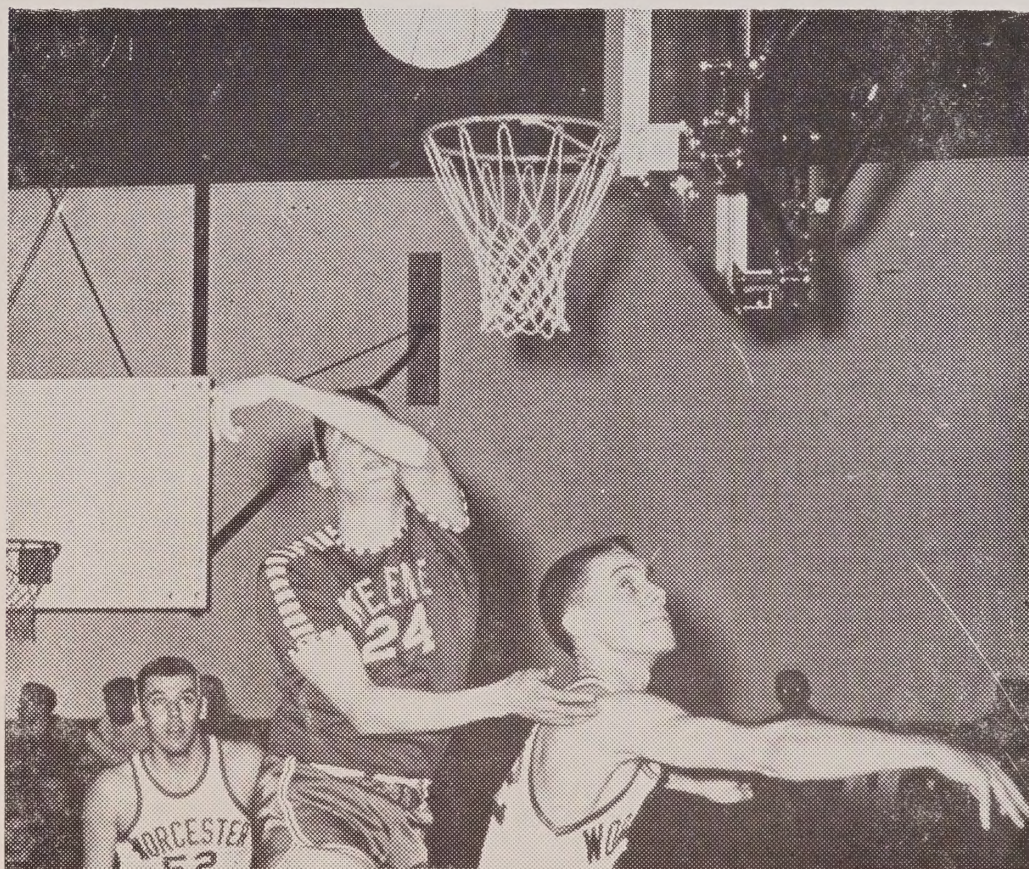
High points of the season thus

far have been the determined battle being waged by Kulesza and Kokernak for the team scoring leadership. In addition Coach Dyson is pleased by the steady improvement of the frosh starters on the squad, George Albro and Wally Moroski. The return to the squad of letter-winner Dick Denechaud should help the locals over the final half of the season, and continued strong board play by Capt. Bob Costanzo and Clifford should stand the Lancers in good stead when tournament time rolls around in mid-March.

## STATE COLLEGE AT WORCESTER SCORING

PLAYER'S NAME	GAMES	FG	FT	PT
Kokernak	9	65	15	145
Kulesza	9	47	45	139
Constanzo	9	39	23	101
Moroski	9	34	11	79
Staiti	9	20	13	53
Clifford	8	16	15	47
Albro	9	9	10	28
Melican	8	11	4	26
Collins	9	10	4	24
Bielik	7	3	2	8
Denechaud	1	1	0	2

(Does not include Fitchburg State game)



**LET'S DO THE TWIST!**—While that's what Lancer sophomore backcourt star Bob Kulesza seems to be doing anyway. In this photo taken at the recent Keene game in our gym, Kulesza is seen trying to outrebound the opposition's John Hubbard. Viewing the action to the left (53) is senior center Jack Clifford.



# LANCERS AND KOKERNAK TIP TALL PLYMOUTH PANTHERS

by RONALD R. SCHOFIELD  
of the Acorn Staff

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — The Worcester State College basketball quintet gained its seventh victory of the season here as junior Steve Kokernak personally engineered the 62-58 win. The slender backcourt ace was simply immense for the Lancers, but his mates deserve plenty of credit also. Jack Clifford for his fine rebounding, Bob Kulesza for his great generalship in setting up the Lancers plays, Wally Moroski and Capt. Bob Constanzo for their fine defensive play, Mike Staiti, George Melican, Tom Collins, and Dick Denechaud for their excellent spot performances, and last but not least—the able guidance given by Coach Francis Dyson.

In beating the Plymouth Panthers the WSC five played perhaps their best game of the season. Certainly, the Lancers showed the ability to rebound against taller opposition, as they outscrapped the Panther's frontcourt operators Steve Danford (6-5) and Dan Perry (6-6). They also showed poise in the wake of a jammed-packed partisan crowd, for after losing a 17 point lead and falling behind by a point they roared back to win by 4.

The Lancers had piled up an early first half lead and held it until they lead at halftime, 40-27. The WSC success in the first two periods can be directly attributable to Kokernak. The "Hawk" sank 9 shots in 13 attempts from the floor and tallied two charity tosses to equal exactly half of the total Lancer point output in the first half.

The first few minutes of the second half saw the Dysonites increasing the lead to as many as 17 points. Then with a shade better than 16 minutes to go, the Plymouth basketballers came to life. By 12:34 they had cut the Lancer lead to 7, mostly because of a solid 1-3-1 zone. Then for the next few minutes the two teams locked in a defensive stalemate, but by the 7 minute mark the WSC lead had dwindled to 5. With better than four minutes left in the stanza, the Panthers closed the gap to a scant point. With 3:30 to go the Plymouthers took the lead by a point 54-53. The Lancers had now switched from their man-to-man defense and were now using a box and one. (four men play a 2-2 zone while the fifth plays an opponent man-to-man. In this case Kulesza played Perry man-to-man.) This switch by Coach Dyson proved to be what earned the victory for WSC. Besides the hoop that gave them the lead, Plymouth could

not get any more than two baskets against this newly-instated Lancer defense.

The Dysonites moved ahead 60-58 on a clutch free toss by Kulesza and two more one-pointers by the ever-present Kokernak. The final seconds of play saw the ball change hands several times without a score.

Kokernak and burly Jack Clifford were the WSC chief offensive threats with 30 and 10 points respectively. This observer feels that good things are ahead for the

Lancers now. Certainly this looks like an entirely different squad than appeared in the Central Connecticut Tournament. They were not being outthrustled, out-rebounded, or outplayed here tonight. The summary:

## WORCESTER

	G	F	T
Kokernak	12	6	30
Kulesza	1	4	6
Moroski	3	1	7
Constanzo	2	1	5
Clifford	4	2	10
Staiti	1	0	2
Collins	1	0	2
Denechaud	0	0	0
Melican	0	0	0
Totals	24	14	62

## PLYMOUTH

	G	F	T
Perry	6	0	12
Tardie	3	1	7
Danford	5	7	17
Johnson	5	2	12
Chandler	3	2	8
Thornton	1	0	2
Totals	23	12	58

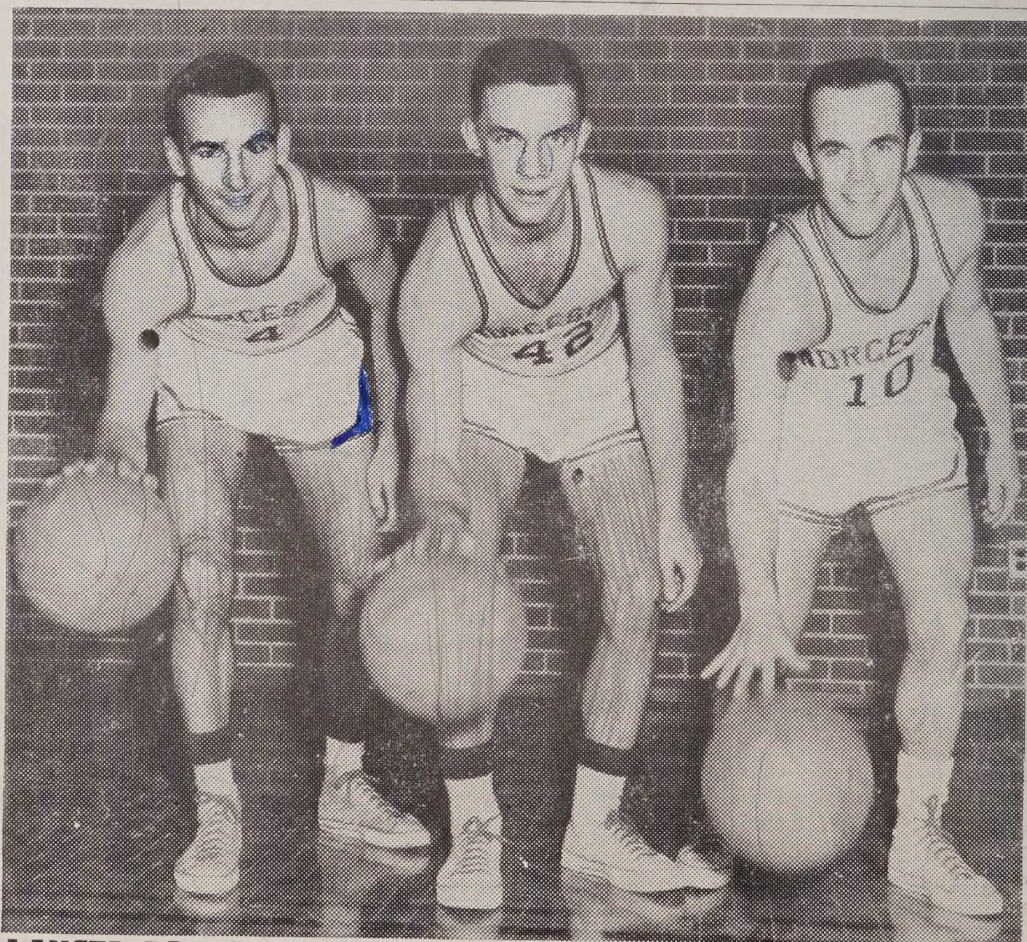
## BUSLINE BITS

The ride-home featured going some 2 hours without heat . . . There also was quite a bit of clanking going on up the rear of the bus . . . Miss Smith as usual made her appearance felt when she lent a cheerleader her fur coat because of the cold . . . Our bus driver was forced to drive home

with just running lights because of a non-performing generator . . . Moose and Connie won over Steve and Liz in a non-sanctioned quiz game . . . Len and Joan, Pat and Joan, Tom and Carolyn, Ed and Betty, and Bob and Gerry seemed to enjoy the long ride home . . . Mr. Clifford, father of Jack, proved Johnny-on-the-spot with the fire extinguisher when the emergency brake caught on fire . . . Most asked question of the entire trip turned out to be: "Where are Powers and Diggins?" . . . Lancers record now 7-4, while the Plymouth Panthers are 3-4 . . . Nice to see all eight cheerleaders made the trip, why not come out to a game and see them in action . . . P.S.: "I Remember Gussie's."

## Lancer Record To Date

Lancers 58—R.I.C.E. 55  
Lancers 80—Westfield 62  
Lancers 59—Assumption 70  
Lancers 83—Boston 59  
Lancers 85—Keene 78  
Lancers 77—Salem 95  
Lancers 75—Danbury 79  
Lancers 65—Williamantic 74  
Lancers 92—Keene 89  
Lancers 61—Fitchburg 50  
Lancers 62—Plymouth 58  
Lancers 63—Nichols 49



LANCER BACKCOURT TRIO—From left: junior Steve "Hawk" Kokernak, sophomore Bob Kulesza, and George Melican, another soph. These three guards were instrumental in the Monday night win over Nichols College—68-49.